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Application of Marwan Qubti and Manfred Moser
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated March 28, 2007, the Applicant hereby responds.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 11 and 14-16 have now been cancelled. Dependent claims 2-4 and 15-20 were indicated as having allowable subject matter therein and new claims 21-24 have been added. Consequently, claims 5-7, 9-10, 12-13 and 17-24 are currently pending.

The independent claims from which depending claims 2-4 and 15-20 depended, claims 1 and 8, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as relating to software only. As part of that rejection, the Examiner noted that "at least one of the elements in the body of the claim must include hardware in accordance with the disclosure."

New claim 21 is a combination of claims 1 and 2. New claim 22 is a combination of claims 1 and 4. New claim 23 is a combination of claims 8, 11, 14 and 15. New claim 24 is a combination of claims 8 and 16.

The undersigned thanks Examiner Neveen Abel Jalil for having a telephone interview during which corrections to original claims 1 and 8 were discussed. In each of new claims 21-22 and 23-24 the base portion, coming from claims 1 and 8, respectively, has been amended as discussed with the Examiner. For example, in new claim 21, based on original claim 1, the graphical user interface element has been linked to hardware with the routine being invoked by one of the other computers. Also, the notification engine is now invoked by a processor at either the data server or at one of the other computers. In new claim 23, based on original claim 8, the module element is now linked to the computer system and the notification engine is invoked by a processor within the computer system.

Thus, in each of new claims 21-24 hardware has been included in accordance with the disclosure in a way that is believed to overcome and resolve the basis asserted by the Examiner for the rejection under §101. Withdrawal of that rejection is respectfully requested together with an indication that new claims 21-26 are in allowable condition.

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Depending claims 5-7 have been amended to now depend from new claim 21, depending claims 9, 10, 12 and 13 have been amended to now depend from new claim 23 and depending claims 17-19 have been amended to depend from new claim 24.

Consequently, it is believed that all the currently pending claims 5-7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 17-24 are allowable and that this application is also in allowable condition and notice thereof is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that the discussion of any matter would further advance the prosecution of this application it is urged that the undersigned be called at 703-894-6404.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

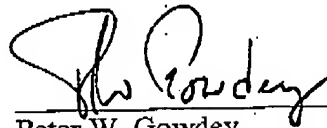
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